GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Sports Management
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the serious infighting within the various sports bodies/federation like gymnastics, basketball and boxing etc. in the country;
(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the remedial measures taken/being taken in this regard;
(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to streamline and improve the efficiency of functioning of Sports Authority of India (SAI); and
(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fix accountability for the poor performance in the Olympics-2016 due to official mismanagement and various other reasons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) Yes, Madam.
(b) Government is taking proactive steps to facilitate dispute resolution such as in the case of Boxing, Karate, Baseball and Paralympics. Government also encourages IOA to resolve dispute within federations. Where such disputes persist, Government requests Sports Authority of India (SAI) to support the athletes of affected sports.
(c) A restructuring plan related to SAI is under consideration. As per the plan, it is proposed to infuse greater professionalism and domain expertise in SAI. Further, quality control through third party audit has also been introduced.
(d) Participation in Olympics is through qualification and India sent its largest contingent ever for participation in Olympics in 2016. With a view to improve the performance in the Olympics and other International events, this Ministry has held consultations with various stake holders including eminent sportspersons, coaches and National Sports Federations (NSFs) etc. It has been decided, among others, to enhance performance monitoring, emphasize on greater role of coaches in devising training programme of medal prospects and strengthen sports science set-up. It has been decided to issue open advertisement for hiring foreign coaches wherever possible.
Further, NSFs have already been advised by the department to identify medal prospects and their support staff for the 2020 Olympic Games so as to ensure that the core probable get support of dedicated world class support staff on a continuing basis to be able to work as a coherent team and deliver. It has also been decided to set up a Task Force to prepare a comprehensive action plan for effective participation of Indian sportspersons in the next three Olympic Games 2020, 2024 and 2028.
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